

**Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured**  
**Highlights from Advisory Council discussion**  
**"What might a win look like?"**  
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What needs to happen for this initiative to be considered successful? What might a win look like?

- There should be should one-year, three-year, and five-year recommendations and goals (short term, medium term, and longer-term).
- There should be a measurable impact; perhaps an additional 300,000 to 500,000 people have health insurance coverage.
- The initiative should raise the consciousness of the public to the issue of the uninsured and under-insured, and provide additional information on/clarification of the issue.
- The recommendations should address the maintenance of the high levels of children's coverage that we currently have.
- The recommendations should address the current erosion in private coverage.
- The recommendations should be sensitive to the issues of employers.
- The recommendations should address a way to share the burden of catastrophic risk.
- The recommendations should acknowledge the impact of escalating health care costs, and the current efforts to contain health care costs.
- The recommendations should acknowledge the role of Medicaid in providing insurance coverage to vulnerable populations, and the difficulty maintaining current eligibility criteria and covered services.
- The recommendations should seek to maximize use of federal dollars (bring Michigan tax dollars back to Michigan.)